



RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH NAGAOKA, JAPAN.

WHEREAS, Resolution 91-240 established guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("Honolulu") that govern the establishment of its sister city relationships, as amended by Resolution 03-52; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines provide that a sister city relationship may be established with another city that shares a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship; offers educational and technological assistance to Honolulu's business, industries, and labor force; offers the exchange of ideas and solutions based on similarities in population size or character; or has common bonds that are mutually beneficial to the citizens of both cities; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the sister city program more than forty years ago, Honolulu has established sister city ties with 31 international cities, of which three are cities in Japan: Hiroshima, Tokyo, and Uwajima; and

WHEREAS, Nagaoka is located on the Sea of Japan in the central part of the Niigata Prefecture; and

WHEREAS, Nagaoka has a longstanding relationship with Honolulu, having participated with the Honolulu Festival Foundation in helping to promote the music, art and culture of the people of Hawaii and the Asia-Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the city of Nagaoka shares cultural similarities with Honolulu, and a large portion of Honolulu's population traces its roots to Japan; and

WHEREAS, Nagaoka continues to send goodwill delegations to Honolulu to strengthen its relationship with Honolulu and to promote business between our two nations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu believes that these cultural ties and the mutual economic opportunities offered by Nagaoka and Honolulu serve as a strong foundation for a close sister city relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu is interested in establishing a sister city relationship with Nagaoka; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the establishment of a sister city relationship with the city of Nagaoka, Japan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Nagaoka to formalize the sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sister city agreement shall be consistent with the policies of Resolutions 91-240 and 03-52, as amended; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Mayor of Nagaoka, Japan.

INTRODUCED BY:

INTRODUCED BY: Sony M. Lakh (CB/R)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JAN 04 2012
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers